

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph before the first sentence of the application at page 1, line 1:

This application is the national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007904 filed on July 16, 2004, entitled, "PROCESS AND PLANT FOR REDUCING SOLIDS CONTAINING IRON OXIDE" which claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 103 36 676.8 filed on August 9, 2003.